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**Vice Admiral E. T. Wooldridge, USN
Commandant, The National War College
Washington 25, D. C.**

Dear Admiral Wooldridge:

I am preparing to nominate the Central Intelligence Agency candidates for the 1956-57 Class of The National War College, and I find that the status of the Agency quota for this and subsequent classes is unclear. Our quota for the 1955-56 Class was reduced from three to two positions.

I heartily concur in the finding of the Survey Board on The National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in its report to the Joint Chiefs of Staff which states:

Increased participation in both colleges by other civilian agencies of the Government such as . . . the Central Intelligence Agency should be fostered." (p. 17)

Attendance at The National War College by our personnel sharpens their appreciation of the role of this Agency in support of national strategic planning, policy formulation, and the attainment of national objectives. The associations they make increase their effectiveness in conducting the Agency's external relationships with the Department of State and with the Armed Forces in joint planning and on other matters of mutual concern. The increased scale of mutual interdependence between this Agency and the Departments of State and Defense places our participation at The National War College clearly within the national interest.

Agency career civilian personnel are selected for nomination as candidates for each class of The National War College in accordance with criteria which you have provided us, and on a highly competitive basis. Each candidate passes through three screening boards, and I make all final selections since those whom you accept become my personal representatives in each class.

After careful consideration of our requirements, I urge you to request the Joint Chiefs of Staff to establish a quota of four positions for the 1956-57 Class and subsequent classes of The National War College.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Originator:

SIGNED

MATTHEW BAIRD
Director of Training

Concurrences: Members of the
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